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### ***Indiana's Unemployment Insurance Claims*** ***Week Ending January 31, 2004***

Indianapolis, Ind. – Today the Indiana Department of Workforce Development released the following information on the state's unemployment insurance claims for the week ending January 31, 2004:

- *Total Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 86,146 total claims were filed throughout the week. This marks an increase of 901 (+1.06%) from the previous week, but a decrease of 3,430 (-3.83%) compared to the same week last year.
- *New Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 9,013 new claims were filed. This was 1,171 (14.9%) more than the previous week and 670 (8.03%) more than the same week last year.
- *Continuing Unemployment Insurance Claims:* 76,085 continued claims were filed. This is a slight decrease over the previous week, with 230 (-0.30%) fewer claims being filed. During the same week last year, 80,549 claims were continued.
- Federal civilian employees and ex-military personnel made up the remainder of total unemployment claims filed.
- *Regular State and Federal Benefits:* \$18,655,507 for the week. This was an increase of \$101,744 (+0.5%) when compared to the previous week and a decrease of \$47,486 (-0.3%) compared to benefits for the same week in 2003.
- *Extended Unemployment Compensation Benefits Paid:* \$1,826,336.33.
- *Regular Benefits Paid Year-to-Date:* \$20,461,843.28.
- *Trust Fund Balance:* \$692,894,437.30.
- *Layoffs and Closures:* Temporary layoffs were reported in two manufactured home plants. One plastics manufacturing plant reported a closure.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other Department of Workforce Programs, contact Jeff Harris at 317/ 232-3396 or visit the web site at [www.workforce.IN.gov](http://www.workforce.IN.gov).

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